# **About The Montana Memory Project**

## Purpose:

To provide free and open access to Montana related digital materials. These materials provide opportunities for education, genealogy research, business, pleasure, and lifelong learning. The Montana Memory Project encourages cultural institutions to digitize and share historic and contemporary resources.

# Scope:

The digital collection of the Montana Memory Project may include maps, photos, rare books, documents, publications, diaries, oral histories, audio recordings, video recordings, paintings, illustrations, art and other cultural materials. The items can be historic or contemporary as long as they relate to Montana's cultural heritage.

## Mission:

The Montana Memory Project encourages cultural institutions to digitize historic and contemporary resources reflecting Montana's rich cultural heritage and to make them freely available for lifelong learning.

Vision:

The Montana Memory Project is the premier resource for digital cultural heritage information about Montana.

#### **Montana Memory Project**

The Montana Memory Project is a statewide project whose purpose is to provide access to digital collections of items relating to Montana's cultural heritage and government. All Montana libraries, museums, archives and schools are potentially able to participate in the Montana Memory Project.

The Montana Memory Project (MMP) is a joint project of the Montana State Library and the Montana Historical Society. These institutions share the responsibility of providing technical and cataloging support, and training and consultations for current and potential participants in the MMP.

The MMP utilizes the OCLC CONTENTdm license held by the Montana State Library. The project makes use of the CONTENTdm software and the Montana State Library's digital hosted environment at OCLC for its digital repository.

The MMP is intended as a tool for accessibility. The content submitted to the MMP should be for access purposes. The CONTENTdm software used to host and present the digital content is intended to provide access; it is not intended to be a storage and preservation solution for master files.

For information on contributing to the MMP, contact Jennifer Birnel at the Montana State Library at <u>mmp@mt.gov</u>. Institutions wishing to add materials to the MMP will be asked to complete a Project Application.